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Dear Miss K. M. Drexel.

Before I left Washington I paid a visit to His Eminence, the Cardinal. He was vexed about our request to get V. Rev. Hylebos. He said he wrote only to please you, but did not like to do so to make him a conveyance and asked me sharply, whether a priest could not to be found in the East to do the work, then alluding to my written request to increase my salary he said, that the distribution of funds was already made and therefore it was out of question to raise my salary, besides that I handle so much money and do not need any and then he added: "I am afraid the Indians get too much money." I tell you candidly, it cut me to the inmost of my soul. Does a sacred trust of handling money give me any right to help myself or does His Eminence class me as dishonest? All emanates from a bitter jealousy on account of money matters and this is a heavy cross on me and I wished, for personal comfort sake, to have nothing to do with finances, but if I must, I shall bear all calumnies for God sake and the salvation of my own soul & the Indians. Inclosed please find Very Rev. Hylebos letter to me. I really expected that when I wrote to his Bishop for him: The fear of losing a pound of precious

flesh or a little bit of comfort acts like an unsurmountable barrier. Why did You say I had not attended to matters You wrote to me. I fulfilled everything You asked for and bless You and Your dear Sisters morning and evenings. —

I have sent \$7000. to Rev. Hylebos but he did not send me a formal receipt, but acknowledged it in his inclosed letter. Please return it to me. I shall send him a check of \$3000. more to-day, as You requested. Rev. Perrig met me here and he insisted to build his plan. I gave him according to his own estimate \$4000.<sup>00</sup> to build and complete the chapel & priests house. He came directly from Holy Rosary. When I told him about Eugene Dillon he looked black and blue at me and answered quickly. "We do not want him, we will have no secular teachers amongst us." These are his fiery words. When I asked for 5 pupils for St. Josephs he also flatly refused, forgetting that I am perfectly at liberty to act and take them.

✓ The St. Josephs normal school-building is a magnificent structure and I am highly pleased with it, but we must necessarily make some changes in divisions of rooms, which will cost as the inclosed bill shows.

As no body else will go to the Indian agencies to gather the Indian boys for St. Josephs, I am forced to do it myself, although I am hardly able to stand all the strain & troubles. —

Rev. S. Stenger O.S.B. was sent by Abbot Simeon to the Im. Conception miss. as manager and Rev. Vincent was sent to Devils Lake. Rev. Stenger is here now and seems to me to be the right man. He is intelligent and understands business and possesses a good deal of energy & zeal.

The Abbot visited the Immaculate Conception mission and gives a glowing account of it. If his letter had been written in english I would send it to You. —

✓ Six Sisters are here to go to St. Josephs and the mother will stay a few days to select things for the house. —

Rev. Jutz has sent word by Rev. Perrig that he needs \$2000. more to finish Holy Rosary and when I told him that my funds for that place were exhausted, he answered me sarcastically. "I think best to stop paying, except the

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buying of furnitures, what I am doing now, and let them earn the money on their own contract for 100. pupils (\$10800.00 per annum) and then finish or improve according to their own means & resources. If Rev. Jutz opens school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. he will get paid for the full quarter: July August & September and thus gets pay for 2 months extra, without feeding or clothing any children only for one month, the month of September. From this surplus he can easily finish the building.

No iron bedsteads arrived yet, although I receive pressing letters from the schools to ship them. My experience teaches me to buy West.

✓ On the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. I shall be at South Bend to meet the Bishops and on the 16<sup>th</sup> I start for White Earth, Northern Minnesota, to get Ind. boys for St. Josephs. - I encountre an Egyptian travel too.

Adress all Your letters <sup>to me</sup> to No 441 LaSalle Street. Chicago, Ill.

My dearest blessings to you and Your Sisters. - I offer my sincerest prayers for Your welfare. -

Heartily greeting all of You, I am devotedly

Yours

in the Sacred Hearts.

J. A. Stephan.